



**Webinar “Covid-19: new challenge or new opportunity to enhance sustainability of agricultural and fisheries value chains in EU partner countries?”**

**Where:** Zoom (details for registration below)

**Date:** 09/11/2020

**Time:** 15.30– 17.30 (CET)

**Presentation:**

The objective of the webinar, organized by Agrinatura, via the [VCA4D project](#), in collaboration with the Natural Resources Institute, is to share insights on the consequences of the COVID-19 crisis on agricultural and fisheries value chains (VC) in EU partner countries, showcasing examples, exploring the diversity of situations and providing reflections and synthesis on processes and factors which play a role.

Agrinatura experts will present a diversity of cases from Africa and Latin America, summarising the disruptions and pathways of the VC performance during the crisis, and commenting on the effectiveness of solutions that governments and value chain stakeholders have put in place. EU policy officers managing programmes in support of value chain development will then share their observations, experiences, concerns, and information requests in order to keep supporting value chains throughout this uncertain period.

The measures taken to limit the effects of the pandemic on human health are likely to impact and modify the functioning of VC, reducing the potential incomes for actors, increasing inequalities and raising sustainability problems. Whilst this crisis may have been terrible for some stakeholders, it may also have created opportunities for others, especially in those VC that are less dependent externally for their inputs and markets, those with shorter circuits and those who use little seasonal or migrant workers, etc.

Participants to the webinar will reflect on the core question “*is this crisis a new challenge or a new opportunity?*” and consider solutions to counter the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on agricultural and fisheries value chains and/or on the topic that will require further research.

## **Agenda**

**COVID-19 and agricultural and fisheries value chains: introduction to the webinar** (10 minutes) (by the moderator Gideon ONUMAH)

**Short insights from a panel of VCA4D experts on “what happened” in specific agricultural and fisheries value chains during the “COVID-19 crisis”** (50 minutes)

Case 1/ Togo - Pineapple (Konga PALASSI and Osée ALATE)

Case 2/ Ecuador - Cocoa (Johan BLOCKEEL)

Case 3/ Angola - Coffee (Bernardo PIAZZARDI and Margarida LIMA DE FARIA)

Case 4/ Ethiopia - Cotton (Gian NICOLAY)

Case 5/ Mali - Fisheries (Ivonne ACOSTA ALBA)

Case 6/ The Gambia - Fisheries (Adama MBAYE)

Case 7/ Ghana – Sorghum (Ricardo VILLANI and Gideon ONUMAH)

Case 8/ Nigeria - Maize (Muhammed BELLO and Gideon ONUMAH)

Case 9/ Colombia – Diary (Gustavo SALDARRIAGA)

Case 10/ Zambia – Maize (Anthony CHAPOTO)

**Questions & Answers** (15 minutes)

**Wrap-Up: “a synthesis of the evidence emerging from the different cases”** (10 minutes) (Marie-Hélène DABAT)

**“In the policy officers’ shoes” - insights, comments and questions: will the Covid-19 crisis change the future?** (20 minutes)

- Katrine Mulvad THOMSEN and Frank Isioma OKAFOR, *Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria and ECOWAS*
- Catharina BAMPS, *Delegation of the European Union to Angola*
- Guy FAURE, *DEVCO C1, Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition*

**Questions & Answers** (15 minutes)

**Closing remarks** (10 minutes)

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